

The Government in the Sunshine Act (PL 94-409 ) requires agencies of the Federal Government to open meetings to public observation. The law is based on the premise that "the public is entitled to the fullest practicable information regarding the decision-making process of the Federal Government." The Sunshine Act applies to meetings of at least a quorum of Commissioners where deliberations determine or result in the joint conduct or disposition of official Commission business.

The Sunshine Act favors open meetings and requires the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to publicly announce, at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting, its time, place, and subject matter, and whether it is to be open or closed.

During my term as Chair, I will require the EAC to make its agenda public at least 21 days before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Additionally, I will schedule time during each meeting to discuss possible agenda items with Commissioners so that observers will have an idea of what to expect in remaining months.

This policy will be in effect during my term as Chair or through January, 2009. This policy will not affect emergency meetings.